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SUBJECT: LETTER TO PRESIDENT KAUNDA

REF: LUSAKA 1851

PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY
TO PRESIDENT KAUNDA:

BEGIN TEXT "DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

"I HAVE LEARNED OF YOUR DECISION TO ASK THE SECURITY
COUNCIL TO CONSIDER THE RECENT RAID BY SOUTH AFRICAN
FORCES INTO THE TERRITORY OF ZAMBIA. I WOULD LIKE YOU
FIRST TO KNOW OF MY DISTRESS AT THIS INCURSION INTO
ZAMBIAN TERRITORY AND THE LOSS OF LIFE WHICH RESULTED.
I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT OUR VIEWS ON THE GRAVITY OF THIS
MATTER WERE RAPIDLY TRANSMITTED TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN
GOVERNMENT.

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"IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, I ALSO WOULD LIKE YOU TO KNOW THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL FULLY SUPPORT SERIOUS CONSIDERATION OF THE ISSUE BY THE COUNCIL. WE WILL ALSO SEEK TO BE AS HELPFUL AS

POSSIBLE IN ASSURING A RESULT IN WHICH ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS CAN JOIN, WHICH WILL CONTRIBUTE TO PEACEFUL POLITICAL EVOLUTION IN NAMIBIA AND WHICH WILL HELP PRESERVE THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF ZAMBIA. WHILE IT DOES NOT EXCUSE THE INCURSION, I UNDERSTAND IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY MAY HAVE ACTED WITHOUT POLITICAL AUTHORITY. I MENTION THIS BECAUSE I BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT FOR THE FUTURE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA THAT RESPONSES TO THE RAID ON ZAMBIA NOT RISK UNDERMINING THE EFFORTS DESCRIBED

TO YOU BY AMBASSADOR SCHAUFLE TO ENSURE RAPID SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA. ESPECIALLY WITH RESPECT TO NAMIBIA, I BELIEVE THAT NO ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL WHICH COULD JEOPARDIZE THE PROGRESS TOWARDS INDEPENDENCE, TO WHICH YOU AND I ATTACH THE HIGHEST IMPORTANCE.

"AS LONG AS WE REFRAIN FROM MANDATING LANGUAGE WHICH COULD BE CONSIDERED AS COMING UNDER CHAPTER VII OF THE UN CHARTER, I BELIEVE IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO DEVELOP A RESOLUTION WHICH DRAWS UPON EARLIER SECURITY COUNCIL ACTIONS. TO ENSURE THE CLOSEST COORDINATION BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS, I WILL ASK GOVERNOR SCRANTON TO KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MWALE AND HIS DELEGATION WHEN HE ARRIVES IN NEW YORK.

WARM REGARDS,
"HENRY A. KISSINGER" END EXT

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